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up there and offer the two as a substitute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: No, you could not expect that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, then I cannot support Senator...Senator Brashear's amendment. trying to do as Senator Brashear and I have done in the past, which is to come from differing points of view, come together and meld our views and produce something that we both could support. But since he is so unreasonable, unwilling to yield at all, I cannot support what he is presenting to us today. thing I have to give him credit for in this regard, he has made it clear that he wants to undercut the legislation that deals with the regulation of campaigns and money spent on campaigns. There is nothing that I appreciate more than a senator being forthright and direct in telling what his or her intentions are. Not everybody needs to do that because others have different methodologies that are pursued. But I'm just stating what it is that I appreciate. I am not in favor of doing away with and the expenditures of money. regulation of campaigns Sometimes in the heat of a battle decisions are taken by the Legislature which are not permanent. If this were my bill and the last amendment which was adopted had been attached to the bill, I would not bail out. I would continue to defend my bill. I would continue to argue against amendments that I think are weakening the bill. Then, at a later date, I would attempt to remove the amendment that Senator Brashear had persuaded the Legislature to add. Some people who are in politics will undertake an issue as soon as opposition develops. Allow me, brothers and sisters, to use a football analogy, because most people in Nebraska understand football. As a ...

SENATOR DIERKS: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...matter of fact...you said one minute?

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes, one minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. I meant, thank you, Mr. President. I will make that point the next time my light comes on because it will take me more than one minute, but I will say, at this